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Toronto, October 8, 1914.

President Falconer,

Dear Sir,

I have been thinking over the subject of our conversation this morning. I have always made it my first rule not to undertake anything unless I was in a position to carry it through to my own satisfaction. If it is worth doing at all it is worth trying to do well. The duties of the Professorship of Ophthalmology as I conceive them demand much more time than I, as Associate Professor, have had to give in the past. It would be necessary that I should give up practically the whole of my morning on every week day in order to teach and to work up the clinic to its proper position.

That carries with it the necessity of sacrificing my private practice



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on which my livelihood depends. I have for over twenty five years made many sacrifices for the University, but this is more than I can, in Justice to myself, do. I feel therefore that it would be wiser that I should continue in my subordinate position of Associate Professor, and leave to some one else the position of Professor in Chief. If my continuing as Associate Professor in any way interferes with the reorganisation of the Department consider my resignation as in your hands.

I shall see that the work of the Department does not suffer until other arrangements can be made,

Truly yours,

*James MacCallum*

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October 9th, 1914

Dr. J. W. MacCallum,

Toronto.

My dear Dr. MacCallum:

The matter of your salary and that of Dr. Wishart was again considered at the Board yesterday, and a Committee was appointed to report upon the inequalities and recommend as to future positions of members of the Medical staff. I am afraid, however, that the recommendations of this committee will not go into effect until next year. I have done my best to get your position remedied at once, but I am unable to do anything more.

Will you not allow matters to stand until next spring and take no further action in the line of your letter until then? I do not want to put you to unnecessary sacrifice in the matter, but certainly I do not want the University to lose your services. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



January 22nd, 1915.

Dr. J. M. MacCallum,  
13 Bloor Street West,  
Toronto.

Dear Dr. MacCallum:

I can find no trace of the name of Dr. Mortimer Lyon having ever been submitted to me for appointment, but I shall now be glad to recommend his name at the next meeting of the Board.

I assume that I may take your letter as an intimation that Dr. Lowry is definitely resigning from the University.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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